

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A blank (1) for a container (2), ~~especially a container wall (3)~~, comprising:

an upper and a lower peripheral edge (4, 5); and

first and second connection edges (6, 7) laterally connecting said peripheral edges, each of said connection edges extending along overlap regions (8, 9) which are interconnectable for shaping the container (2), ~~characterized in that; and~~

at least one peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) ~~recess that is open to the outside and is formed in at least each of the overlap regions (8, 9)~~, ~~said peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) recesses~~ overlapping one another at least in part upon connection of the overlap regions (8, 9) ~~so as to form an at least one~~ inspection opening (13, 14, 15).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1, ~~wherein the blank forms a wall of the container characterized in that said peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) is designed as a peripheral recess (16) which is open to the outside towards the connection edge (6, 7)~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) recesses~~ are arranged at the same distance from the upper and lower peripheral edge (4, 5).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein the each peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) recess is at least one of semi-circular, arcuate and rectangular defined on the respective overlap region (8, 9)~~.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) recesses~~ are equally spaced apart from one another along their respective overlap region (8, 9).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) recesses have the same cross-section.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) recesses extend up to an inner overlap line (19, 20) of their respective overlap region (8, 9).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the each peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) recess extends with its inner edge (21) at least in part along the a respective overlap line (19, 20).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the peripheral opening (10, 11, 12) recesses is are at least surrounded in part by a coating area (22, 23).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the at least one inspection opening (13, 14, 15) which is composed of the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) is at least one of substantially circular, rectangular or and oval in cross-section.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The blank according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the at least one inspection opening (13, 14, 15) which is composed of the peripheral openings (10, 11, 12) is substantially slotted in cross-section.

Claims 12-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (New): A container comprising:

a container wall formed from a blank, wherein the blank includes upper and lower peripheral edges and first and second connection edges, each connection edge extending along an overlap region and including at least one peripheral recess, the connection edges being attached at the overlap regions;

a bottom member attached to the lower peripheral edge of the container wall; and at least one inspection opening formed by at least partially overlapping peripheral recesses in the overlap regions.

Claim 23 (New): The container according to claim 22, wherein the lower peripheral edge of the container wall includes a receiving channel that is adapted to receive a peripheral flange of the bottom member.

Claim 24 (New): The container according to claim 22, wherein the upper peripheral edge of the container wall includes a mouth roll formed by at least one of flanging and flat-pressing.

Claim 25 (New): The container according to claim 22, wherein the at least one inspection opening is sealed in fluid-tight fashion by at least one of a film and a coating that is substantially transparent.

Claim 26 (New): The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating extends along the overlap region.

Claim 27 (New): The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating is covered by at least one connection edge disposed on the inside of the container.

Claim 28 (New): The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating extends from inside the container around the first connection edge disposed on the inside of the container up to at least the second connection edge disposed on the outside of the container.

Claim 29 (New): The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating includes at least one of an imprint and a coloration.

Claim 30 (New): The container according to claim 22, further comprising a flap-like cover disposed on an outer surface of the container wall over the at least one inspection opening.

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Claim 31 (New): The container according to claim 22, further comprising a cover disposed on an outer surface of the container wall over the at least one inspection opening, wherein the cover is at least one of self-adhesive and peelable.